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THE Soviet decision to break off relations with tiny but vociferously critical and genuinely hostile Albania will cause little surprise. The torrent of angry words flowing between Moscow and Tirana has grown in recent months both in volume and asperity. It was clear the insult could not continue without provoking one or the other to effect the final rupture, and with no Communist from which to expel Albania, Mr Khrushchev has decided to settle the issue by severing relations.

The break may mean several things. Moscow can no longer permit the personality cult protagonist, General Enver Hoxha of Albania to go unpunished while drastic measures are contemplated or executed against Russian Stalinists. What mysterious limbo has the recently recalled Molotov disappeared by the way? Nor can the Kremlin allow junior satellites to go around hurling epithets like "Machavellian" at Mr Khrushchev who only a year ago had cause to complain that the Albanian dictator was "hurling dung at me". Nor can Russia allow such a blatant challenge to its supreme authority to be settled by shortwave radio duels.

DISCIPLINARY action, however, is only part of the motive. The move has also been seen as an added warning to China not to imagine that it can continue to defy Russia by supporting Albania. Many believe that in the recent ideological dispute, the main contestants were not Albania and Russia, but Russia and China. Albania has been merely the puppet on the Chinese ventriloquist's knee.

Symbolically, then, the week-end disclosures may amount to a warning to Peking to "watch out or you'll be next." To a country still largely dependent on Soviet economic aid, China is in a vulnerable position. There are signs that it is seeking to reduce this dependence by making grain and aircraft purchases from the West, but nevertheless the trend is a slow one and Peking has no friends outside the Communist world who could fill so large a vacuum as one left by a complete Soviet rupture.

ON the other hand China has gone on record with such statements to Albania as "we sincerely admire your revolutionary heroism, and pledge ourselves to remain with you, come storm, come tempest." Clearly it cannot back down without losing a lot of face. And this is unlikely. Mao may somehow manage to preserve an outward show of solidarity, leaving his subtle gestures of protest to imply the words he dare not speak, but if driven to an extreme the Chinese leadership may prefer to be exiled and face the prospect of more drastic austerity while remaining martyrs to the cause of Stalinism.

This is a course which Khrushchev himself has so far been reluctant to provoke, but having now taken action against Albania, for consistency's sake, he ought logically to follow through with a move against China. Indeed, unless he does Mr K will be laying himself open to charges of bullying on the one hand, and cowardice on the other. The two giants of world communism may thus be shaping up for a showdown.

# Japanese police stage pre-dawn raids PLOT TO ASSASSINATE IKEDA

## Scheme for a coup d'etat is broken up

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

Twelve ultra-rightists were arrested in pre-dawn raids today in connection with what police said was a plot to assassinate Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda and other high Government officials.

The 12 said they plotted to murder Mr Ikeda because they feared he could not prevent a Communist revolution in Japan, police officials said.

The group included Taki Mikami, who was one of the former young officers of the Japanese Imperial Army who assassinated Premier Tsuruogi Inukai in May, 1932.

Police said they raided 32 places and seized evidence including 300 steel helmets, 150 gas masks, rifles and wooden clubs.

### Centre

Police said they began their investigation in September when they heard that "several ten" of former officers of the 59th and 60th graduating classes of the defunct Army College were planning a coup d'etat with the "Kokushu-Kai" as the centre of the plot.

The "Kokushu-Kai" is ostensibly a society for the purpose of studying Japanese history and discussing current problems. Police learned subsequently from reports from regional sources that places had reached a considerable stage for the coup d'etat, they said.

Police continued surveillance of the group and learned that Hosaka Awanamu, 59, managing director of the Japan Heavy Industries Company, Kuratomi Koichi, 34, President of the Chikuma Printing Company, Shigena Yasuki, 35, former employee of the Shufu-Notome magazine and Eiji Shimomura, 38, member of the Japan Revolutionary Chrysanthemum Club were the ringleaders.

### Weapon

Besides the four ringleaders and Mikami, the arrested included former Lt Gen Tokutomi Sakurai, 64, a director of the Dai Nippon Kodo Party, a rightist organisation.

Police said the raid was made today in 32 places in Tokyo, Fukuoka, Chiba and Nagasaki, when they learned that the four ringleaders and Mikami had begun gathering weapons.

Mr Akira Hatanaka, Chief of the Metropolitan Police Section, said: "We've been

investigating for the past three months but it was extremely difficult to carry out any raids.

"We once decided on taking a raid on weapons but had to give it up because our plans leaked."

"We finally staged the raids since they were harbouring persons attempting assassination."



Hayato Ikeda

"We are still investigating whether this group has any connection with other ultra-nationalist organisations in Japan."

There are many splinter political groups—left and right—in Japanese politics. None of the rightist groups is believed to have a broad popular following.

However, the rightist groups have made themselves felt in the past through violence. In October, 1960, a youthful ultra-nationalist stabbed to death Mr Inejiro Asanuma, Socialist Party Secretary-General.

Rightist groups often demonstrate in Tokyo's streets—UPI & AP.



A police officer watches intently as workmen carefully dig around the decomposed remains. China Mail photographer.

## APPARENT BID TO BLOCK SUCCESSOR'S PROCLAMATION

### Garcia levels charges of PI election fraud

Manila, Dec. 12.

More than 500 policemen including riot squads surrounded the Hall of Congress today as the Legislature met to declare the winner of the contested Philippine presidential election.

Manila Mayor Arsenio Lacson appeared in Congress and claimed he learned of a plot to create riots so that defeated President Carlos P. Garcia could proclaim martial law.

The thousands of spectators jammed through police lines into the Congressional building after Mr Garcia charged that he lost the November 14 election because of cheating.

### Tension

The Election Commission completed its official canvass on Sunday and said that Liberal Party leader, Mr Diosdado Macapagal defeated Mr Garcia by 651,000 votes out of 6,400,000 cast.

The Congress, meeting in joint session, was to certify the

commission count and announce the official winner.

Mr Garcia's surprise charges, filed before Congress early this morning, created unprecedented political tension in this anti-Communist Southeast Asian republic.

Virtually all Manila police reserves were mobilised in and around the white Congressional building in the centre of this historic city.

Unarmed police and plain-clothesmen wearing sports shirts in the tropical 80-degree weather attempted to bar from Congress all persons without official passes. Armed riot squads were mobilised.

Mayor Lacson, who directed Mr Macapagal's poor-man campaign, said the Liberal Party received an intelligence report claiming that disturbances would be manufactured to give Garcia legal grounds to declare martial law and assume emergency powers.

### Within 72 hours

But House Speaker Mr Daniel R. Romualdez, a member of Garcia's Nacionalista Party, said that Mr Macapagal, whom he described as the nation's duly-elected president, would be proclaimed the winner within 72 hours.

"There would be absolutely no road block to the proclamation," Mr Romualdez told newsmen in Congress. "We cannot trample on the rights of either the victor or the vanquished."

The Speaker said Congress will hear Mr Garcia's charges of irregularities in the count made by the election commission.

But he added that Mr Macapagal would not be deprived of rightful victory.

"We consider this a challenge to the special session of Congress and a test of democracy to our people," Mr Romualdez said.—UPI.

## Police dig up body near Shek-O Road

Police today began digging up parts of a human body buried in the hillside on the Shek-O road, not far from the junction at Tai Tam road.

Mr William Segre, Assistant Police Commissioner, was at the site of the digging, but he could make no statement as to whether the remains were those of Mr Wong Ying-kau, kidnapped son of Mr Wong Sik-pun.

Mr Wong Ying-kau vanished in June, 1959, and ransom demands together with a piece of human ear, were subsequently received by Mr Wong Sik-pun, who was kidnapped but later set free by his captors.

Earlier this year it was reported that Mr Wong Ying-kau had been killed by his captors.

### Shady spot

This morning, in a shady spot hidden from the road by a high bank, Government photographers took pictures of the remains, as doctors from the Medical Department carefully checked the finds.

The body appeared to have been wrapped up in grey material or clothing, but was in an advanced state of decomposition.

Digging is expected to continue for a considerable time, as the body is deeply embedded in the earth and great care and delicate handling are required to extract the parts. The hole had to be dug in a depression behind the road-bank, covered with thick undergrowth and overhanging trees.

## CHINA'S U.N. SEAT

United Nations, Dec. 11. A United Press International survey indicated today that 56 countries will support and 37 will oppose a resolution requiring a two-thirds majority vote to seat Communist China in the United Nations.—UPI.

## HK WEATHER RECORD BROKEN

Hongkong had the warmest November on record, the Weather Bureau announced today.

The average minimum temperature equalled the record—68.7 degrees—set in 1896, while the average temperature was a record—72.1 degrees—2.6 above normal.

The rainfall was also well above average—3.6 inches against the average of 1.93 inches, but the Weather Bureau said this was not a record.

The cause of the warmer, wetter weather was that the winter monsoon was subjected to "unusually prolonged interruption."

Cloudiness, humidity, average maximum and minimum temperatures were all above normal for the month.

Only sunshine was below normal during the month—181.6 hours, or four below normal.

### Just in case

Washington, Dec. 11. United States officials said today that it would be up to India to ask for military aid from the United States in case of war with Communist China.—UPI.

## AMERICAN SAVES WOMAN IN HARBOUR

An American Navy engineer jumped, fully-clothed, into the harbour this morning to rescue a Chinese woman who had fallen from Kowloon Public pier.

The rescuer was Engineer Fantell who was aboard a small U.S. Navy gig which had brought Commander Van Keures ashore shortly before 11 am.

It is not known whether the woman was pushed, jumped or fell into the water. An ambulance arrived soon after Engineer Fantell dragged her

ashore. The woman was rushed to hospital. Engineer Fantell is from the U.S. Navy station ship in Hongkong, USS Whitfield County, an LST.

## USSR's aid to China stopped?

New York, Dec. 11. The Soviet Union is believed to have withheld all economic aid from Communist China for the past three months, Columbia Broadcasting System correspondent Marvin Kalb reported today from Moscow.

"It is believed," he reported, "that within the past three months no Soviet aid has been earmarked for China at all, disrupting an economic aid pattern dating back to 1950 when Moscow and Peking first signed their aid agreement. "This is thought to be the result of a steady worsening in relations between Russia and China. Whether this rupture in aid and trade forebodes a rupture in diplomatic relations similar to Russia's break with Albania, is still too soon to tell."—UPI.

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Mr. Shuman may reiterate his point when he addresses the Farm Bureau's 43rd annual convention today. Yesterday's programme included the president's crop control philosophy.

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## BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET

## West warned of need to remain strong

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## BANKRUPTCY OF U.N. 'IMMINENT'

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As they met, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Secretary General Dirk U. Stikker warned grimly that the West can survive the Berlin crisis only if it remains militarily strong.

Mr Stikker spoke to a session of the Assembly of the Western European Union—a seven-nation group comprising Britain, France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. The Assembly meeting here simultaneously with the Big Four foreign ministers.

Whether the present crisis can be resolved through negotiation or whether we will be forced to defend ourselves by other means, our military strength will be the essential condition of our success," Mr Stikker said.

## Intensive talks

U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk, British Foreign Secretary Lord Home, French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville and West German Foreign Minister Gerhard Schröder met in the Beaulieu Salon of the French Foreign Office to begin two days of intensive discussion of the Berlin problem.

The session lasted two-and-a-quarter hours, and was devoted largely to hearing a report from Big Four experts who have been studying the Berlin problem in recent weeks. They scheduled their next meeting for tomorrow morning.

Then problem was to try to get Big Four agreement on the conditions under which they could approach the Soviets for Berlin peace talks.—UPI.

## EX-EDITOR OF NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS

## DIES AT 77

Worthing, Dec. 11.

Mr Edwin Howard, editor of the North China Daily News, Shanghai, from 1930 until 1938, died in a nursing home here today at the age of 77.

Between 1916 and 1928 he was, in turn, Manager of the Civil and Military Gazette, Lahore; Times correspondent at the headquarters of the Government of India, and editor of the Pioneer, Allahabad.

## ADVISER

He was later Information Officer at the India Office, on the staff of the League of Nations Secretariat and adviser on India affairs to the Ministry of Information, Far Eastern Bureau in Singapore.

He received the Order of the British Empire in 1953.—Reuter.

## NEWS IN BRIEF — DEC. 11

## Scientists probe site of n-blast

Carlsbad, New Mexico — Wearing radiation-protection suits, scientists are probing cautiously for treasures of knowledge from the world's first known underground nuclear explosion detonated for purely peaceful purposes.

They will drill into the cavity they hope was created a quarter-mile underground by yesterday's explosion of a special five kiloton "peace bomb."

They were heartened today to find radiation levels had fallen precipitously in the mine-shaft. It was from this shaft that a steamy white radioactive cloud of gas poured forth yesterday. The cloud spread fast-dying radioactivity over the countryside, but all checks so far found no one had been injured, said Mr James Reeves,

## Cloud three

Paris, Dec. 11.

The United States Embassy spokesman told Reuter tonight that reports that the four Western foreign ministers had discussed today the possibility of placing Berlin under United Nations protection were "far-fetched and absolutely without foundation."

These reports, which also said they had discussed the additional possibility of moving the entire U.N. to Berlin "emanate from cloud three," he added.

(The American expression "cloud three" means beyond the realm of possibility).—Reuter.

## 'CHINA MUST PROMISE NOT TO USE FORCE'

United Nations, Dec. 11.

Before any decision was taken on the question of Chinese representation in the U.N., Peking should promise not to use force against any of its neighbours.

Mr Frank Aiken, Ireland's External Affairs Minister, said this in the General Assembly today.

The Assembly also should demand an undertaking that China would "respect the personal rights and liberties of the Chinese people and allow the people of all Korea to decide their own destiny freely in an internationally supervised election," Mr Aiken said.

## Consequences

An effort to obtain such undertakings should be made by negotiations, and the nature of the assurances forthcoming would determine the Irish Government's final decision on whether or not the Chinese should be admitted to the United Nations, Mr Aiken said.

The Assembly must ensure above all that no decision it took could be used in any way to justify or legitimise the use of force by the Chinese or the Chiang Kai-shek forces in Formosa against the other, Mr Aiken said.

The consequences of any such decision would be "incalculable," and in view of the treaties to which both sides were parties, could easily precipitate a world conflict.

Mr Aiken said Ireland deeply deplored the "systematic violation of human rights" within China itself, and China's aggressive actions in Korea and Tibet.

Ireland was also concerned with the Peking Government's attacks on India's established frontier.—Reuter.

## 'LINDY' IS A GRANDFATHER



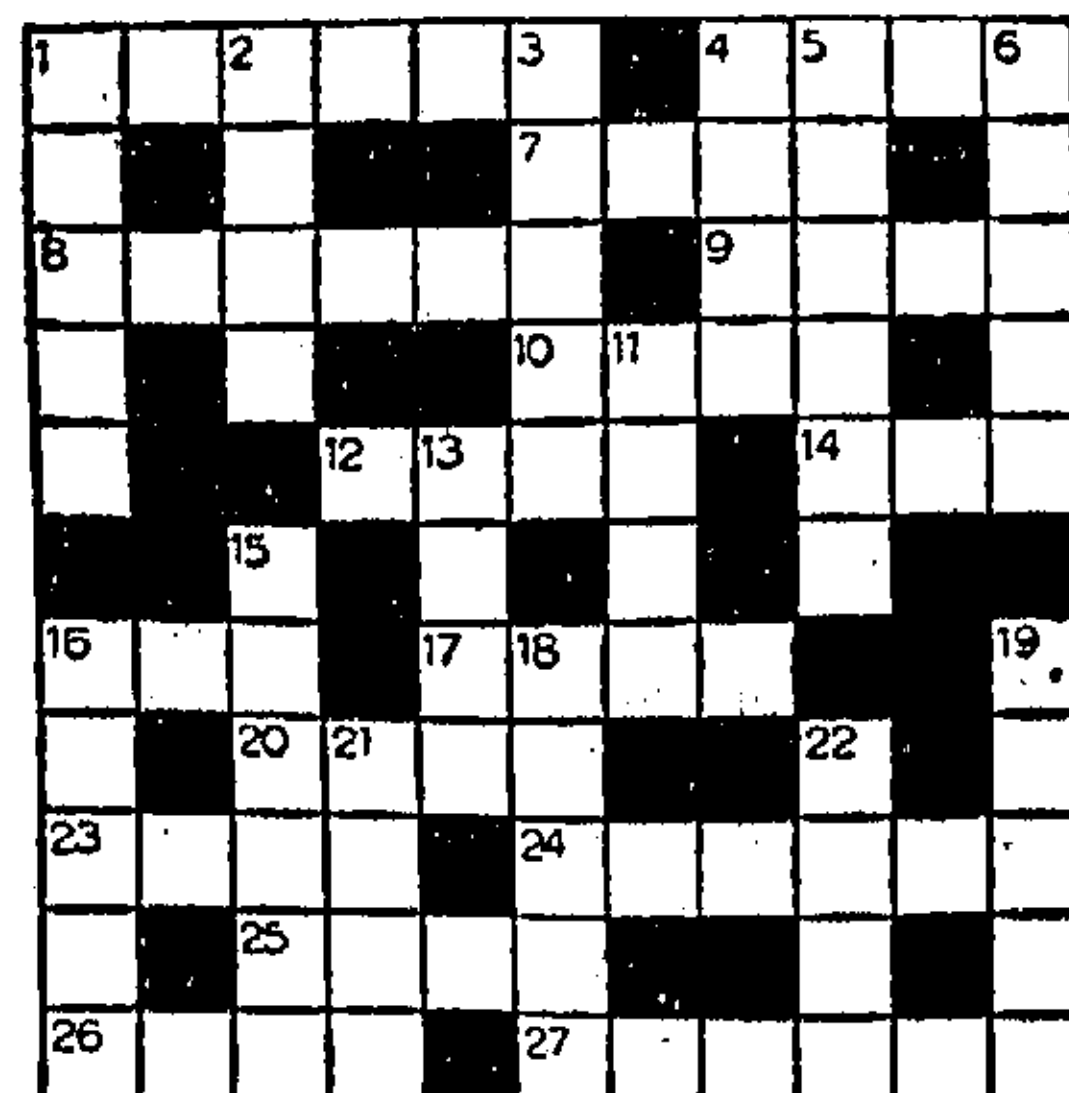
Portland, Dec. 11.  
Charles Lindbergh, the first man to fly across the Atlantic, has become a grandfather. It was learned here today.

Lindbergh flew the Atlantic in his monoplane "Spirit of Saint Louis" in May 1927.

The wife of his son, John, gave birth to a girl last Thursday. It was disclosed today at the Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

John Lindbergh is 24 and his wife is 22.—AP.

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7 He's men-  
8 Goggles.  
9 Wool the kid's  
10 Wrestling!  
11 Beasty coat!  
12 It may be  
13 nothing.

14 Acquire.  
15 Clump.  
17 Nimble.  
18 He sings up!  
20 Single, soli-  
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25 He grasping!  
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5 Bird food!  
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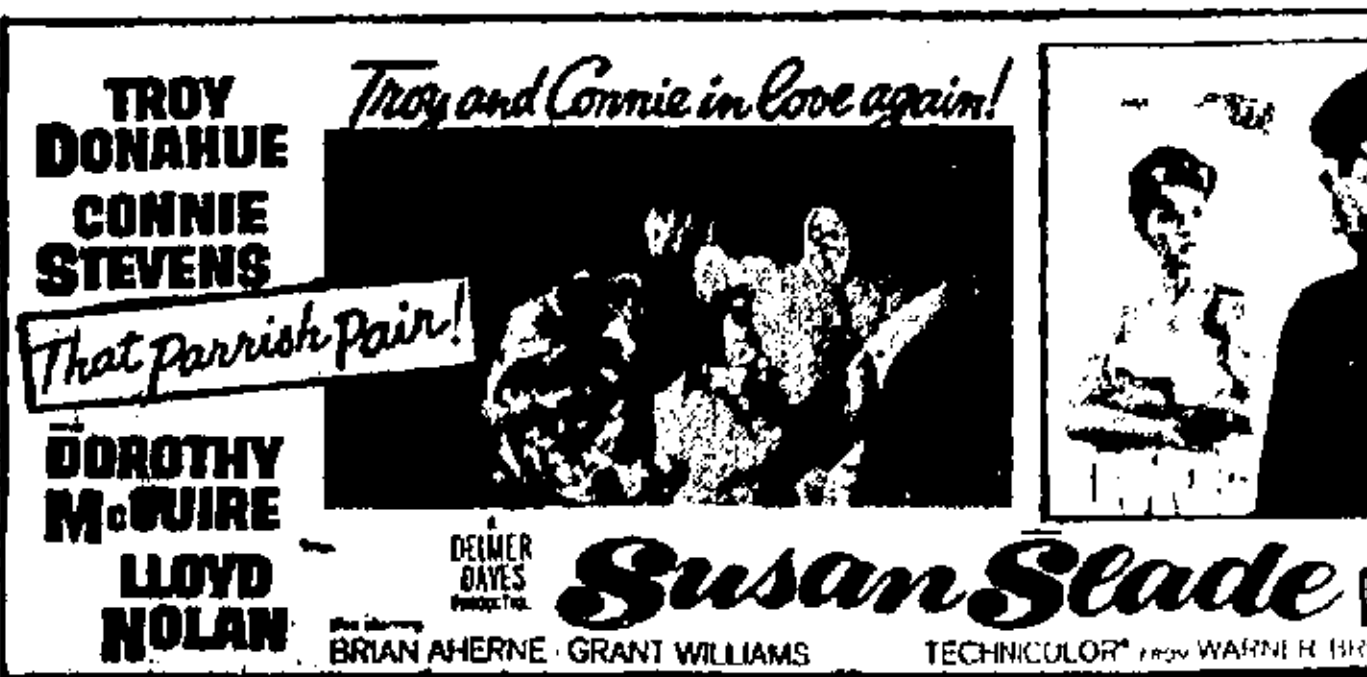


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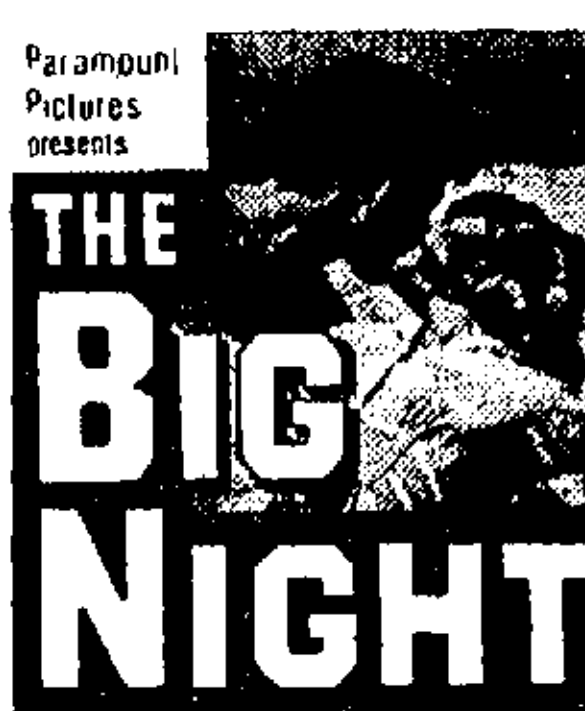
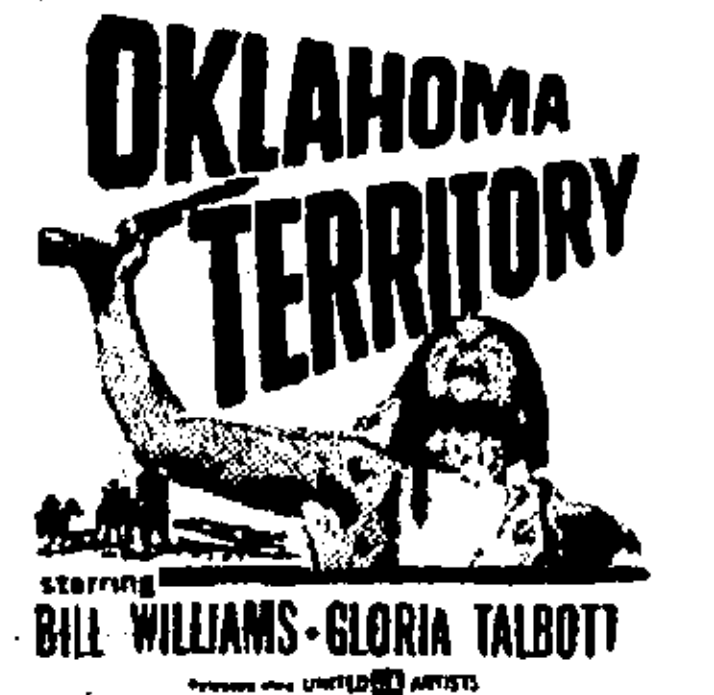
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# 40 BELOW ZERO IN MONTANA Vicious winter storm

## BLIZZARD HITS U.S. MIDLANDS

Chicago, Dec. 11.

A vicious winter storm swept out of the southwest across the U.S. midlands today.

Urgent blizzard warnings were put up for a wide section of the central plains, as the blizzard dumped heavy snows on areas already blanketed with deep snow, and laid a treacherous glaze of ice from Oklahoma to Southern Illinois.

An Arctic cold wave brought temperatures down to 40 below zero in Montana, turned all of Wyoming into an ice box, and carried zero readings south to the Texas Panhandle.

### Suffering

The new storm closed schools in sections of five states, cut visibility to near zero on snow-bogged highways, and spread death and suffering over vast sections of the nation.

Unseasonably cold weather gripped most of the western two-thirds of the country. The east enjoyed relatively mild temperatures and residents of South Texas and Florida basked in 80-degree readings.—UPI.

## RECTOR'S WILL

London, Dec. 11.  
The Rector of St Catherine's Episcopal Church at Blairgowrie, near Dundee, Scotland, has left £4,000 for the church in his will, provided that electric radiators at the end of pews are moved out of sight next to the walls.

In the will, the Rector, the Rev. Atherley Hill-Jones, a Welshman, also left his Dundee house to the church with the same proviso. He died in October this year.

The church also gets £100 to pay for the removal of the radiators, but if the alterations are not made, all the bequests lapse.

The church has agreed to move the radiators.—China Mail Special.

## Russian may not be first on moon: Gagarin

Colombo, Dec. 11.  
Soviet spaceman Yuri Gagarin said here today that it was too early to expect the Soviet Union to send a man to the moon next year.

Gagarin, who was speaking at a press conference on the eve of his departure after a tour of Ceylon, said Russia was not keen on merely being first to land a man on another planet. All she wanted, he added, was to advance science.

### No need

Asked whether he would be the first Soviet man to land on the moon, Gagarin said it was difficult to say who would be that man because there were many trained spacemen in Russia. What mattered was that he would be first to go there but that a man should make the achievement.

Replying to another question, he said there was no need for a Russian spaceman landing on the moon to claim the moon for Russia because Russia had a vast extent of land. Russia did not want to monopolise space travel, either, he said.—APP.

## Sentenced to life

Birmingham, Dec. 11.  
A Birmingham court today sentenced Ahmed Din, 46, a Pakistani living here, to life imprisonment for the murder of Pakistani student Abdul Ansari, 23.

Ansari, who lived in London, was stabbed by Din at the latter's house in Birmingham because Din believed he was associating with his wife, according to court testimony.

Din pleaded innocent.—AP.

## 'Satchmo' named defendant in big damage suit

Las Vegas, Dec. 12.  
Band leader Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong has been named a defendant in a \$11.5 million damage suit filed by a Las Vegas hotel and stage show producer Harold Minsky.

The New Frontier Hotel claims Armstrong withdrew from a verbal agreement to appear there.

Minsky, former burlesque impresario, accused the gravel-voiced trumpeter of slander.

According to the suit, Armstrong repudiated his agreement to appear at the New Frontier because he did not want to follow Minsky's revue — one featuring semi-nude show girls.

### 'Indecent'

Armstrong called Minsky productions "indecent, immoral and obscene," the suit alleged.

Armstrong was scheduled to open in February, the hotel claimed, and from then on alternate four-week periods with Minsky shows. Minsky is to open late this month.

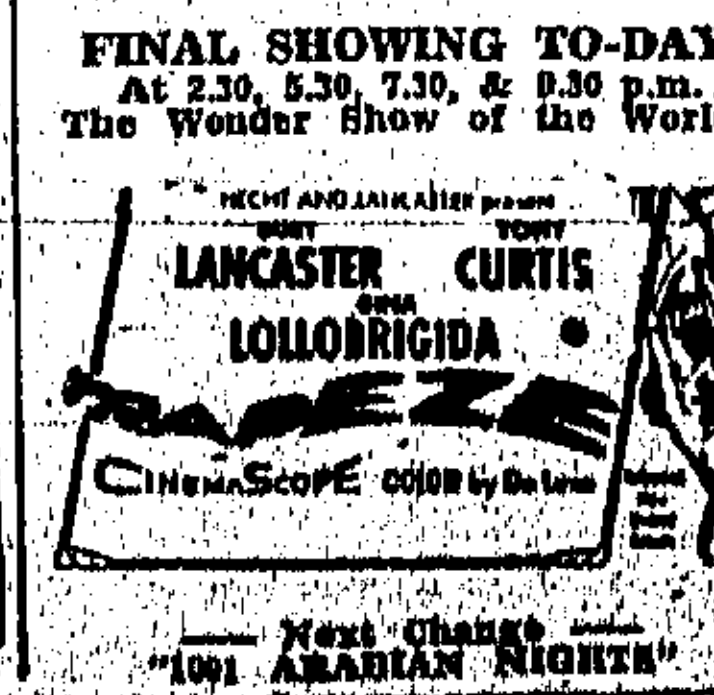
The hotel said Armstrong's personal manager, Joseph



Louis Armstrong

Glazier, had agreed to 12 weeks with another eight-week option. The hotel asks \$1.5 million for anticipated loss of hotel revenue, \$4 million general damages and \$1 million punitive damages. Minsky wants \$4 million general damages and \$1 million punitive damages.—AP.

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## On hospital waiting list for 5 years

Blackburn, Dec. 11.

A man who had been on the waiting list for an appendicitis operation for five years recently received a card from a hospital here asking him if he was "still interested," a British Medical Association spokesman reported.

Dr. T. J. Burke, honorary public relations officer for the Blackburn division of the Association, made the comment in a statement on the waiting lists at British hospitals.

### Better salaries

He said the only way to alleviate the situation would be shorter hours and better salaries at hospitals, and adequate buildings and facilities.

Dr. Burke added that money might be raised for hospitals through a state lottery or a national football pool, "money that is now cascading into the pockets of pool promoters."—China Mail Special.

### Expensive

Monroe, Wis., Dec. 11.  
Mrs. Alice Grossniklaus, a Wilmet O., cheesemaker complains that the holes in Wisconsin Swiss cheese are too big.

She said that one of her tavernkeeper customers had grumbled that customers of his free lunch counter were using too much mustard to fill the holes in the cheese.—UPI.

### Made history

London, Dec. 11.  
Yachtsman Tony Travers may have made maritime history yesterday when he fired distress rockets in the heart of London.

Travers, cruising the Thames, explained, "I ran out of petrol. That was the only way I could attract attention."—UPI.

### Good cause

Aberdeen, Dec. 11.  
The Unitarian Church has rented its hall to the Communist Party for a bazaar. The rental fee will go to an organization which helps "victims of Communism."—UPI.

### Impartial

Miami, Dec. 11.  
Miami police bolstered their reputation for impartiality this weekend when they towed away Dade county sheriff Tom Kelly's car which was illegally parked at a football game.—UPI.

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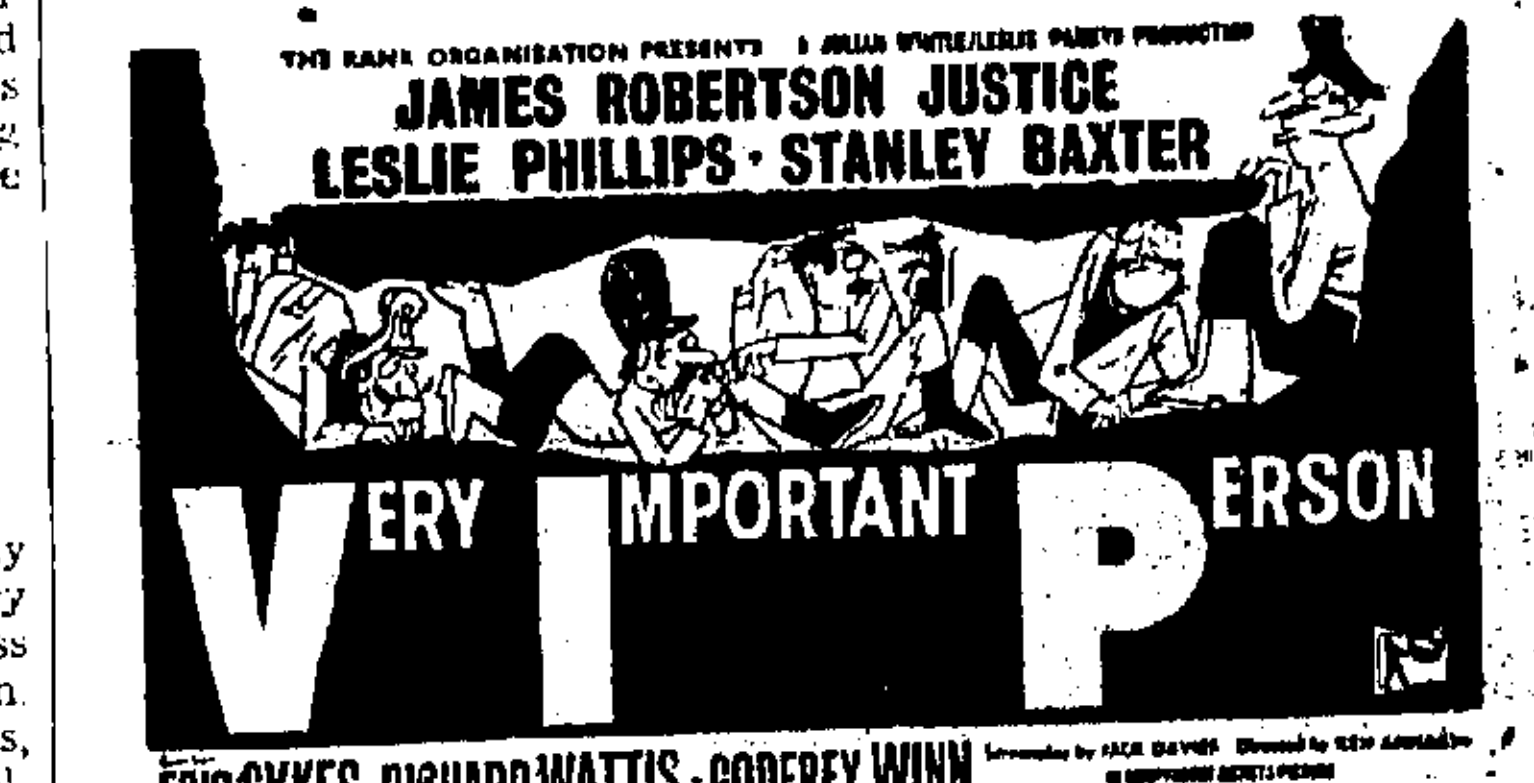


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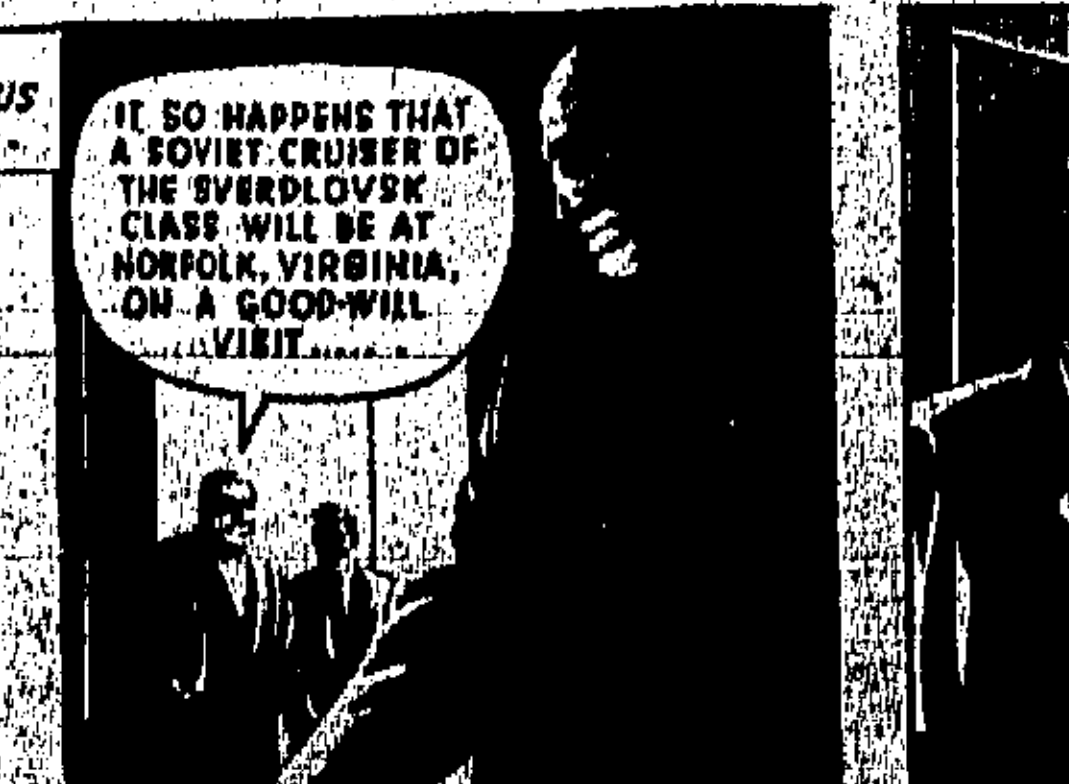


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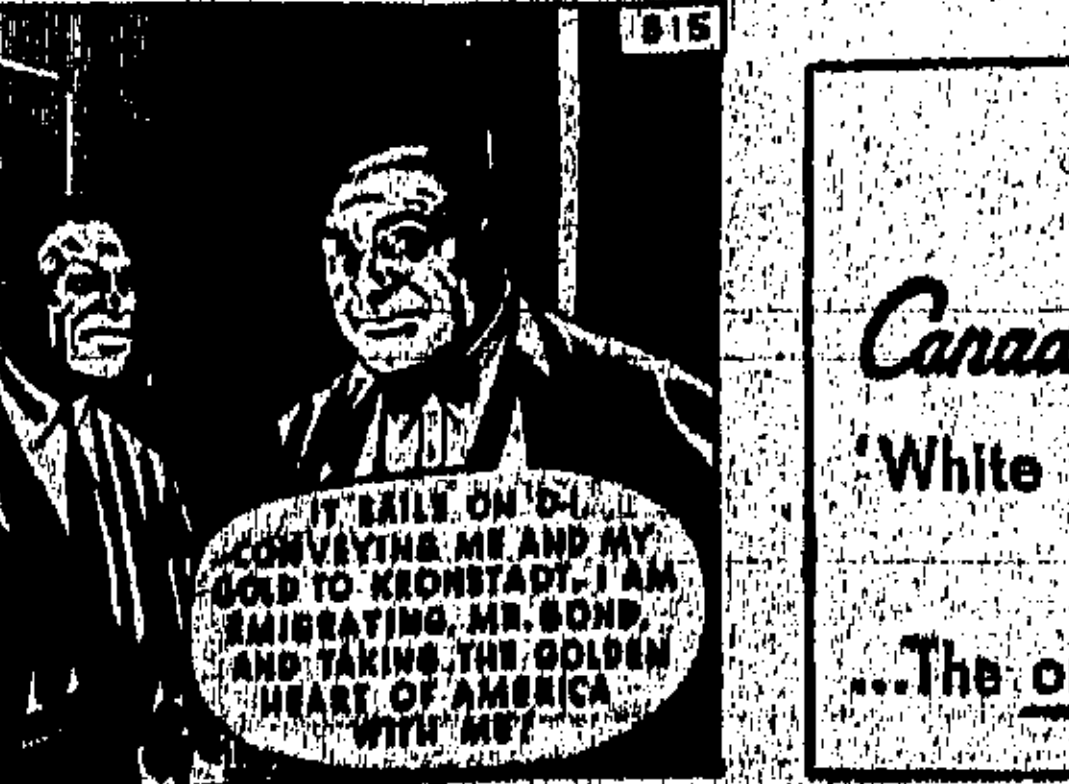


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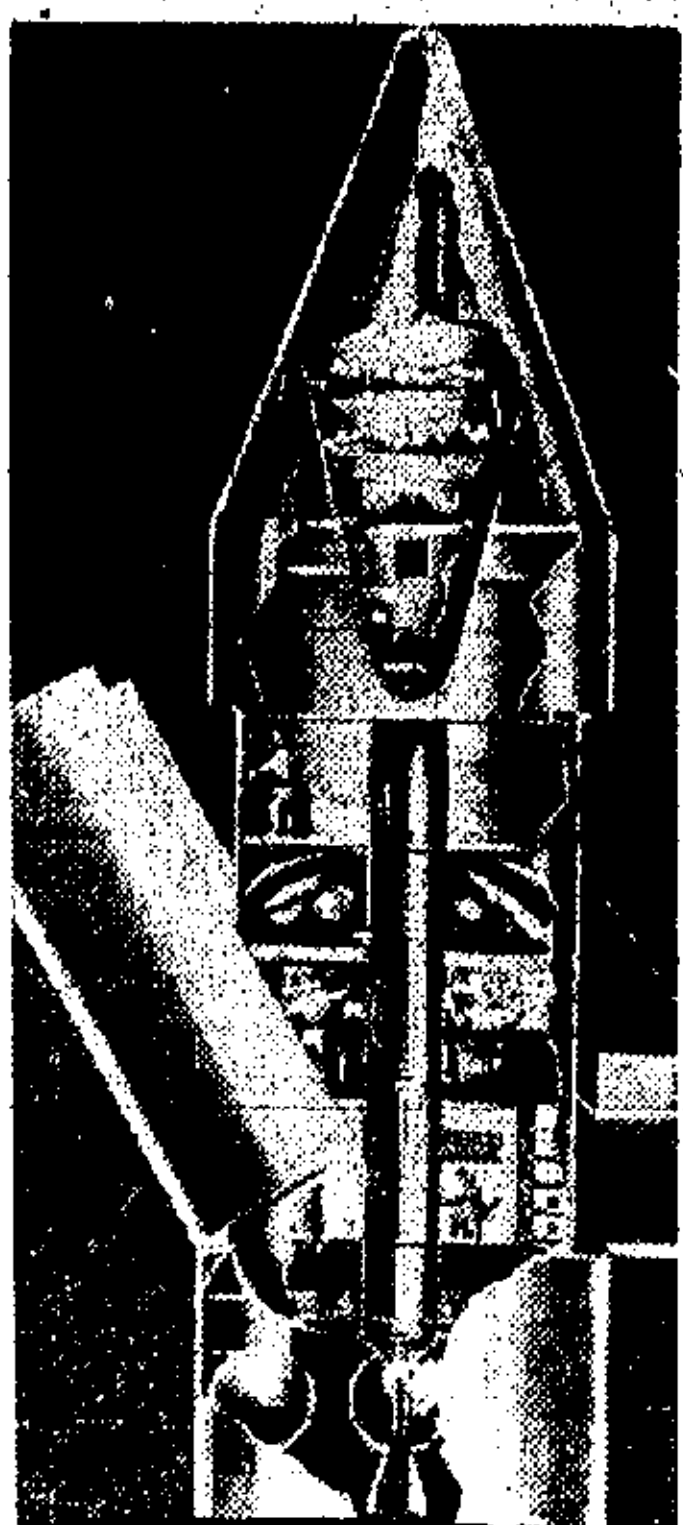


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## BY ROCKET TO THE MOON AND BACK TO EARTH

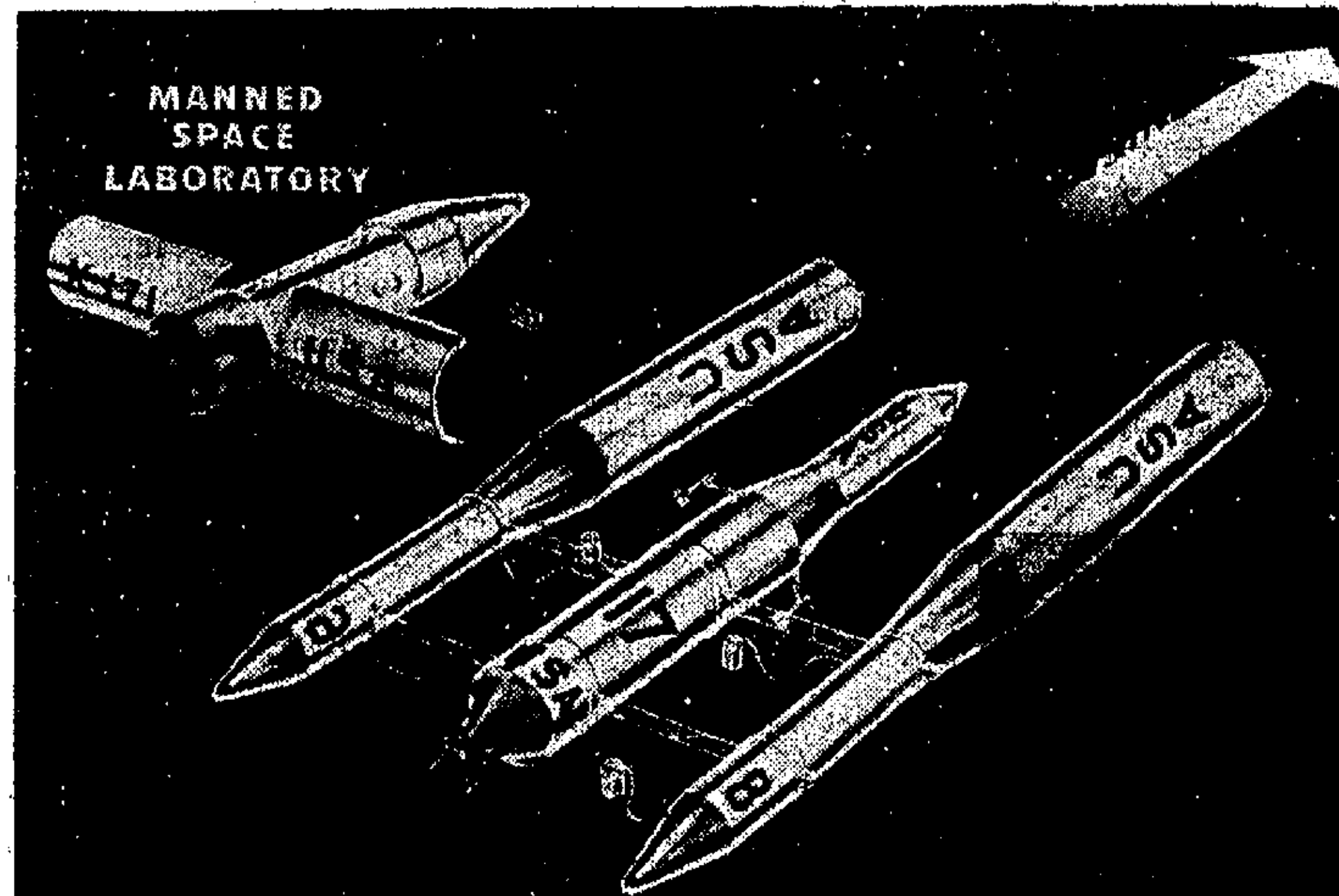
WORLD OF SCIENCE  
By PETER FAIRLEY

### STAGE 1

Built to be launched on top of a 280 foot high Saturn rocket, the Manned Space Laboratory (left) is designed to stay in orbit around the Earth and act as a kind of rest-house for crews and "garage" for spacecraft. Its bullet nose will be detachable, so that it can return through the atmosphere and be recovered. Note the form-moulded couches in front — on which astronauts can strap themselves to withstand the forces of blast-off and re-entry — and extendable panels to catch and convert the sun's heat into useful power.

PLANS for getting men on to the moon and back are beginning to crystallise in the minds of American scientists. The first contracts for the construction of moonships, and vehicles to explore the surface

of the planet, are about to be given. Some idea of what these spacecraft will look like is given in this series of official drawings by artists of the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration:



### STAGE 2

Refuelling a moon rocket. Picture above shows a small stabilised capsule, containing an astronaut, leaving the Manned Laboratory. Other technicians in capsules are about to plug in fuel lines from two tanker



rockets into the moonship's booster.

It now seems probable that this technique of placing together, fuelling and sending moonships on their way from a "parking orbit" around the Earth — will be used.

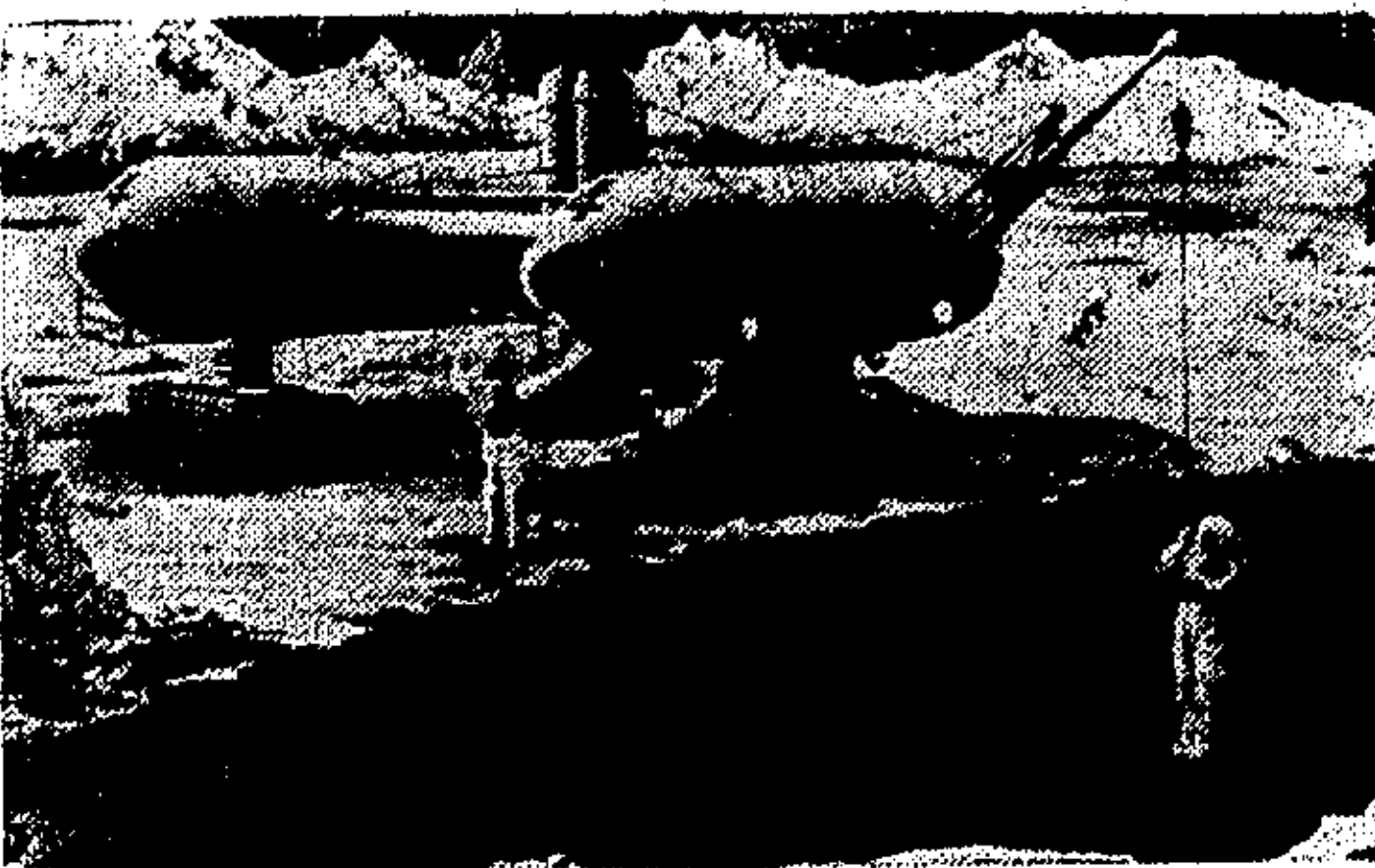
In this way smaller, more economical boosters can be used. The alternative is to build one gigantic rocket, possibly weighing 1000 tons, to go straight from earth to the moon with enough power to return direct...

### STAGE 3

Once on the moon, explorers will have to carry their own "little world" of air and pressure around with them. On the left is one lunar suit, now undergoing tests in the U.S. Tripods will retract to allow the astronaut to sit while he dies up samples, or clears a landing area for other craft, with the tools beside him. Tripods give him extra stability on a planet where gravity is only a sixth of that on earth.

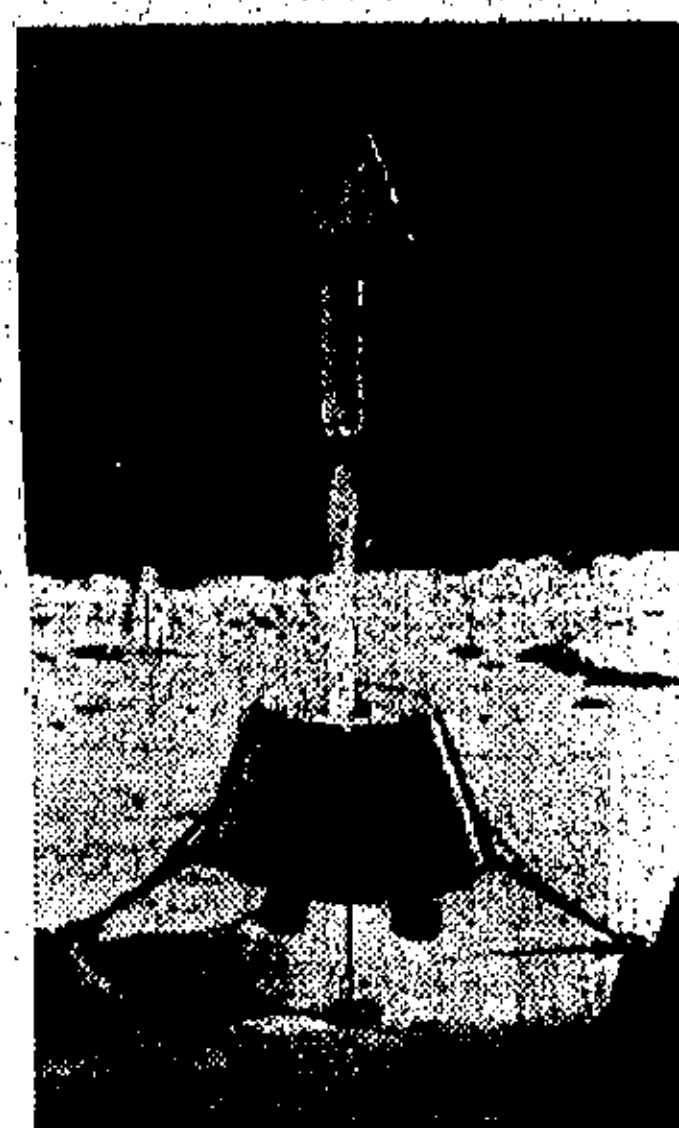
Moon Crawlers (below) will also be needed. Scientists work with the aid of lights, radar, cargo booms and derricks, to assist them to explore crevasses in which moisture — and therefore possible primitive forms of life — may exist.

This crawler, fitted with three sets of caterpillar tracks to give stability, is designed to take off vertically and go for short flights over the planet's terrain.



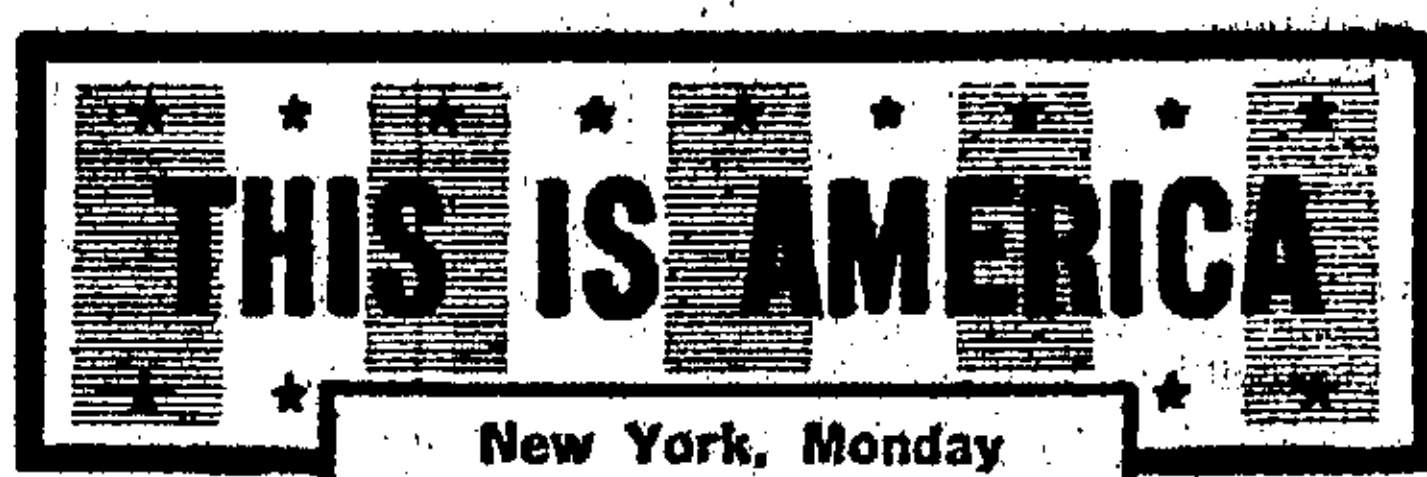
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### STAGE 4



Finally, the take-off back to earth. It must be accomplished without any of the elaborate facilities and supporting gantries of Cape Canaveral. The NASA idea is to land a combined firing platform and re-entry capsule backwards on to the moon on extending legs.

Astronauts would adjust the poise of the firing pad before closing all hatches and starting count-down. Four... three... two... one... home. Perhaps.



## All he wanted was electricity

HILLBILLY farmer Bill Jenkins, battle crazy because electricity was not led into his cabin deep in the Ozark Mountains, held off police for several hours — but at dawn today he died under a fusillade of bullets.

His body was found after police fired more than 100 shots and bombarded his home with tear gas.

Jenkins, aged 38, wounded two policemen with a shotgun last night and forced 10 others — and an armoured car — to retreat.

Reinforcements were brought up during the night.

As light spread, the posse had increased to 30. It was supported by the armoured car and an army weapons carrier.

Jenkins appeared at a window to inhale fresh air. Tear-gas shells were lobbed through.

Workers' Union to court, accusing the union of being unfair to workers.

★ ★ ★

PARENTS have much to say about the way American schools are run.

Today a group of protesting parents are forcing a school superintendent to change three books from the reading list of a 16-year-olds high-school class in Pontiac, Michigan.

The books are Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Let-

Peter Evans

A burst of fire — then silence. Cautiously, police crawled up to the cabin and burst in. Jenkins was sprawled on his bed.

The battle began when an attempt was made to arrest Jenkins for abducting the manager of an electric company and forcing him to chop down a tree on the right of way of an electric line.

Jenkins wanted the electricity led to his cabin. His little farm is half a mile from the nearest road, 25 miles from the town of Branson.

★ ★ ★

ARRESTED by narcotics agents yesterday — the two musician sons of the late Fats Waller, Ronald and Maurice Waller, have been charged with dope peddling.

Police say they disposed of \$235,000 worth of dope a year.

★ ★ ★

SIGN in my local horticultural store: "After planting our seeds — step back quickly." The proprietor is a Texan.

★ ★ ★

THE UNION of the work put in the closed shop factory — and the result was that every man had produced his quota two hours before he was due to go home.

Bored workers who went on strike refused to work were fined by union chiefs for "over-producing".

Now the Government is to take the line "overproduce" the whole lot, including the bored workers who refused to work.

Opera of British singer Joan Sutherland, who is expected to repeat the sensation she made at Covent Garden in "Les di Lohengrin".

★ ★ ★

A PROSECUTOR from the State Department is touring in a group of about 100 men, working with the State Department to "over-produce" the whole lot, including the bored workers who refused to work.

Now the Government is to take the line "overproduce" the whole lot, including the bored workers who refused to work.

## Such a stir when Natasha went to work in Kurashev

THE Russian magazine Krokodil has been telling its readers about Natasha, a teacher whose story illustrates a problem that is worrying the Russians just now.

The problem is why so many young teachers give up their jobs in the provinces to seek new ones in the big cities.

Krokodil tells how Natasha, full of enthusiasm, went to work in the town of Kurashev. But after only a year in her first job there she has returned to Moscow. What made her unhappy in Kurashev?

Says Krokodil: "For two days she was getting acquainted with her new surroundings and her future colleagues. On the third day Vasily Vasilievich, the director of the school, told her gently, but quite firmly, to put on a pair of shoes instead of the sandals she was wearing because 'Nobody wears such sandals here. And you are a teacher. You shouldn't set a bad example to others. People will notice and object.'"

"Natasha was very surprised, but did not argue. The next day she appeared at the school in a pair of black shoes though it was hot and uncomfortable in them. But this sacrifice was not sufficient for the aborigines of Kurashev.

"Why do you wear such an extravagant skirt?" asked the geography teacher, Olga Konstantinovna. "You should try to dress more modestly," she added with undisguised irritation.

### Bad taste

"And do change your hairstyle," said the history teacher, Zinaida Lvovna. "This isn't Moscow, you know!" She said it in a tone which suggested that Moscow was a centre of bad taste.

"This time Natasha was hurt and annoyed. Her skirt was quite ordinary except that it was wider than usual. As she was very slim, this was her way of making up for her lack of curves.

"As to her hairstyle, it was neither 'beehive' nor any other excessive creation. Its only fault was that it differed from the established fashion in Kurashev. Short-cropped hair, frizzily permed, was considered there as the apex of elegant simplicity.

"Natasha decided to ignore these stinging remarks. But when she appeared at school dressed as before the director called her in and told her very severely: 'Why don't you listen to advice of your older colleagues? Even the local people are beginning to pay attention to you. And that won't do.'"

"Why should anyone care what kind of skirt I am wearing?" protested Natasha.

"What about the parents?" the director said, raising his voice. "Don't you think that we should take their opinion into account?"

"But I am not telling THEM what they should wear. Every-

one has his own way of dressing," said Natasha.

### Her room

Krokodil adds: "From that day on, Natasha's relationship with her colleagues was very strained. The only person who secretly supported her was the young teacher of Russian litera-

ture. Others openly disapproved of this stylish girl.

"But Natasha would not give way. The attacks then concentrated on the way she decorated her little room. 'Her bedspread is too bright,' said Zinaida Lvovna. 'And, imagine, she keeps a mirror and more bitter. A reconciliation was out of the question. The director asked the personnel department to dismiss Natasha because she created an unhealthy atmosphere. Natasha herself asked to be transferred somewhere else because life and work in Kurashev were becoming intolerable for her."

Krokodil's last word: "But who do you think won in this case? Neither side did. The school lost a capable teacher and Natasha left with the feeling of having failed in her first job."

(London Express Service).

## THE LIE TEST IS GETTING ROUTINE

In U.S.A. some firms make staff take it yearly

New York.

WHEN the owner of a popular Manhattan saloon noticed recently that one of his bartenders seemed to have some mysterious source of wealth, he ordered the man to take a lie detector test — or lose his job.

As a result it was found that the man had been stealing from his employer. He later admitted that he had been working a "kickback" racket for several years.

This lie detector test is part of a growing trend in U.S. business life.

The lie detector or polygraph is being used increasingly by big companies and small in an attempt to keep checks on the honesty of employees, and to sift out potential thieves among applicants for jobs.

Some employers, like the pub owner, turn to the polygraph

only when a specific case of wrong-doing seems to be involved. Others conduct the tests on an annual basis — or live to regret it.

A case in point is a Chicago organisation which has been giving the polygraph examinations to its employees for more than a decade. One of the employees, who had been tested regularly for nine years, became too sick to take the examinations in 1957 and again in 1958.

When he was finally tested again in 1959, there were signs

that he lied on questions involving his honesty.

Investigations showed that during the periods between his tests, he had stolen more than \$125,000 from the company.

However, the most important job being done by the lie detector seems to be in the field of employment. Examinations are more interesting in keeping out potential trouble-makers and thieves before they are hired than in locating them after the crime has been committed.

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# WOMANSENSE

## AT HOME

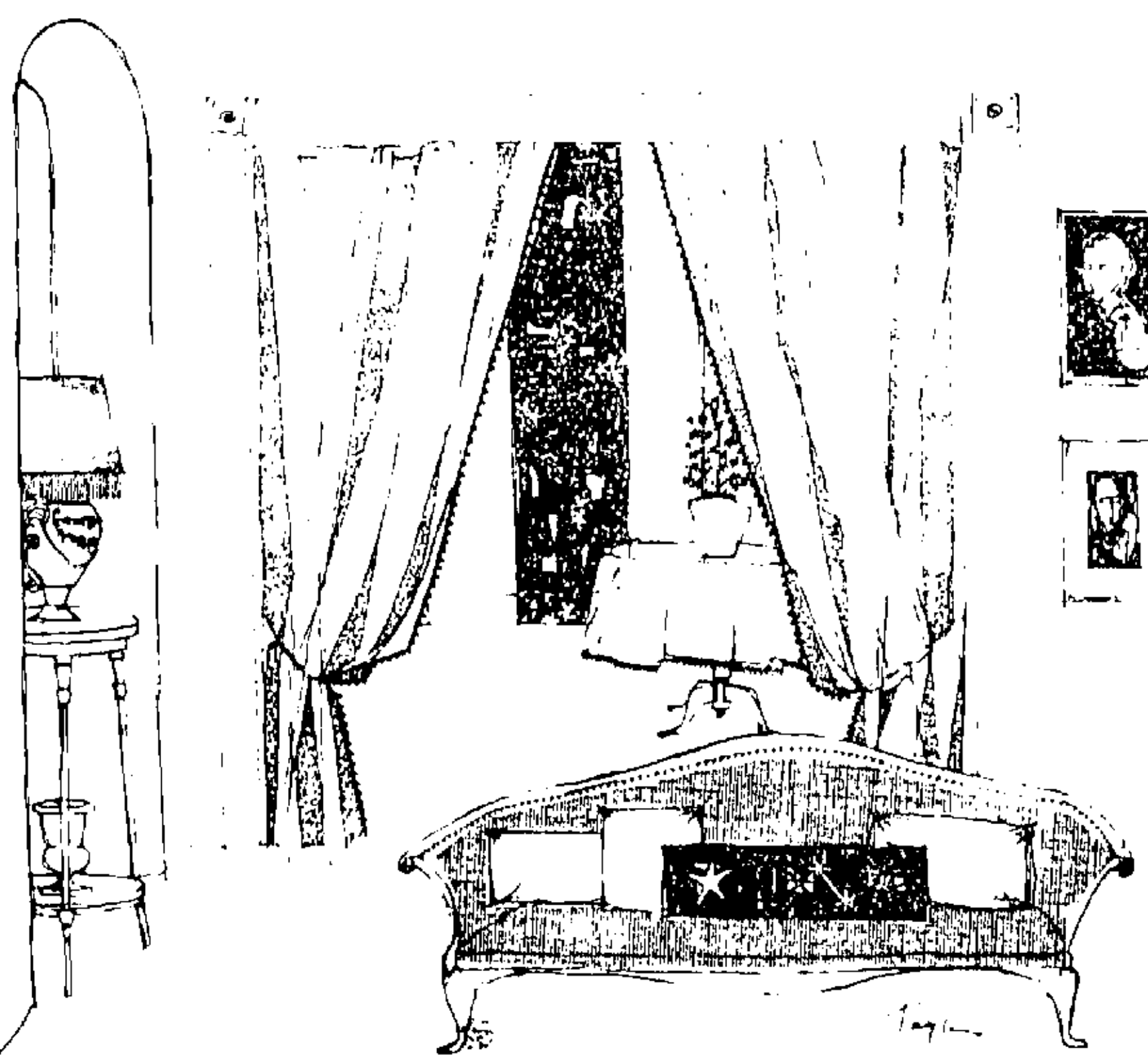


FREDERICK ASHTON stubbed out his cigarette, disconsolately smoothed his rather lengthy crew cut, and said, "I'm always melancholy when I'm not working." He lit another cigarette and unsmoothed his crew cut. He wasn't working at the time.

Mr Ashton is chief choreographer and associate director of the Royal Ballet. At the age of 21, having discovered that an early intuition of him being another Nijinsky had been somewhat optimistic, he decided to turn his talents to choreography.

Since then his agents and spirited interpretations have developed a reputation for the world over.

FREDERICK ASHTON: "I have no time for fashion and so-called good and bad taste."



THE LIVING-ROOM in white and dusky green.

## LADY LUCK

### YOUR CHINA MAIL HOROSCOPE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 19): You will only

find it in your own mind.

PISCES (February 20 to March 20): Even if one or two more

should be an outstanding

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Your attention may be drawn

to conditions which you may

want to alter as soon as

Taurus (April 20 to May 20): Watch out for an opportunity

to work in a new capacity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): Be

wary of being misled into a

business deal without enough

time to think it over.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22): A

person who is inclined to

help you here, I should

low, he can do it with out

availing himself of it.

LEO (July 23 to August 23): Be

member of your own kind.

family members, you

should avoid giving a younger

relative too much credit or

advice.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22): Be

careful of your own health.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 23): A

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SCORPIO (October 24 to November 22): A

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CAPRICORN (December 23 to January 20): A

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## In the house of a clutterer

THINGS TEND TO COLLECT HERE

### TYCOON TALK

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Barbara Anne Taylor

### RED CARPET

WE went to look at the

living-room. "There's really

nothing there," said Mr

Ashton, leaning the way down

the red-carpeted spiral staircase

and opening the door to a room

that proved that "nothing" is

fairly relative. For there was

a multifarious collection of

curios, including Victorian

pottery, Venetian glass, Russian

carved chests and a rocking chair

after dinner musing.

"They are just things," he

said nonchalantly. "It is all

quite valueless except perhaps

that," he added, pointing to a

white marble bust of Mme du

Barry, who gazed back at him

with a very cool look clearly

indicating that in her time

she'd been considered quite

expensive.

I left Mr Ashton sitting in

the midst of the things he

doesn't notice and thinking

about Persimmon. "My head is

full of it," he said distractedly.

(London Express Service).

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### An Amazing Change

—Merlin Turns Kitten Into Enormous Lion—

By MAX TRELL

IT was about eleven o'clock

on a moonlit night when

Knarf and Hand, the Shadow

Names, suddenly heard the

roaring. It came from the

room across the hall.

"It's a Lion," said Knarf.

But Hand said it couldn't be

a Lion because how could a

Lion get into the Playroom?

There was another loud roar.

Knarf was sure that ever that

it was a Lion. And Hand was

even more doubtful that a Lion

could get into the house.

Knarf and Hand went to the

Playroom to investigate.

"There," said Knarf, "you

see? It is a Lion!"

Hand could hardly believe

her eyes.

### Magnificent magician

Sitting in the middle of the

room was the most enormous

Lion that Hand had ever seen.

Standing well back against the

wall were Mr Punch and his

wife, Judy. Teddy, the Stuffed

Bear, Mary-Jane, the Rag Doll,

General Tins, the Tin Soldier,

Hawthorn, the Small-Sized

Warden Indian, and Miss China

Doll.

There was one more person

in the room. He was Mr Mer-

lin, the Marvellous and Magni-

ficent Magician. He stood right

next to the enormous Lion.

When the Lion saw Knarf

and Hand, he said to Knarf:

"Now, now," he said to Knarf:

"There's nothing to

fear. The Lion is just a

Kitten. It's just a Kitten."

"That's right, my dear," said

Mr Punch to Hand. "It's not

a real Lion at all."

"It's just the Kitten," said

Mr Punch's wife, Judy.

### Changed kitten

Then Knarf and Hand saw

what had happened. Mr Merlin

had changed the Kitten into a

Lion. He had made the Kitten

enormous.

"He wouldn't hurt anything

larger than a Mouse," Mr Mer-

lin explained to Knarf and

Hand.

As if to prove that Mr Mer-

lin was wrong, the Lion who

was once a Kitten, or the Kitten

who had now become a

Lion, let out another roar and

sprang up in the air as it lashed

its tail. And Knarf and Hand

were everyone else in the room,

except Mr Merlin, ran behind

the bookcase and hid there.

"Behave yourself!" Mr Mer-

lin said to the Kitten sharply,

"or I won't give you your

saucer of milk."

The Kitten went back meekly

to her place in the middle of

the room again.

"Come out," said Mr Merlin

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# WOMANSENSE

## AT HOME

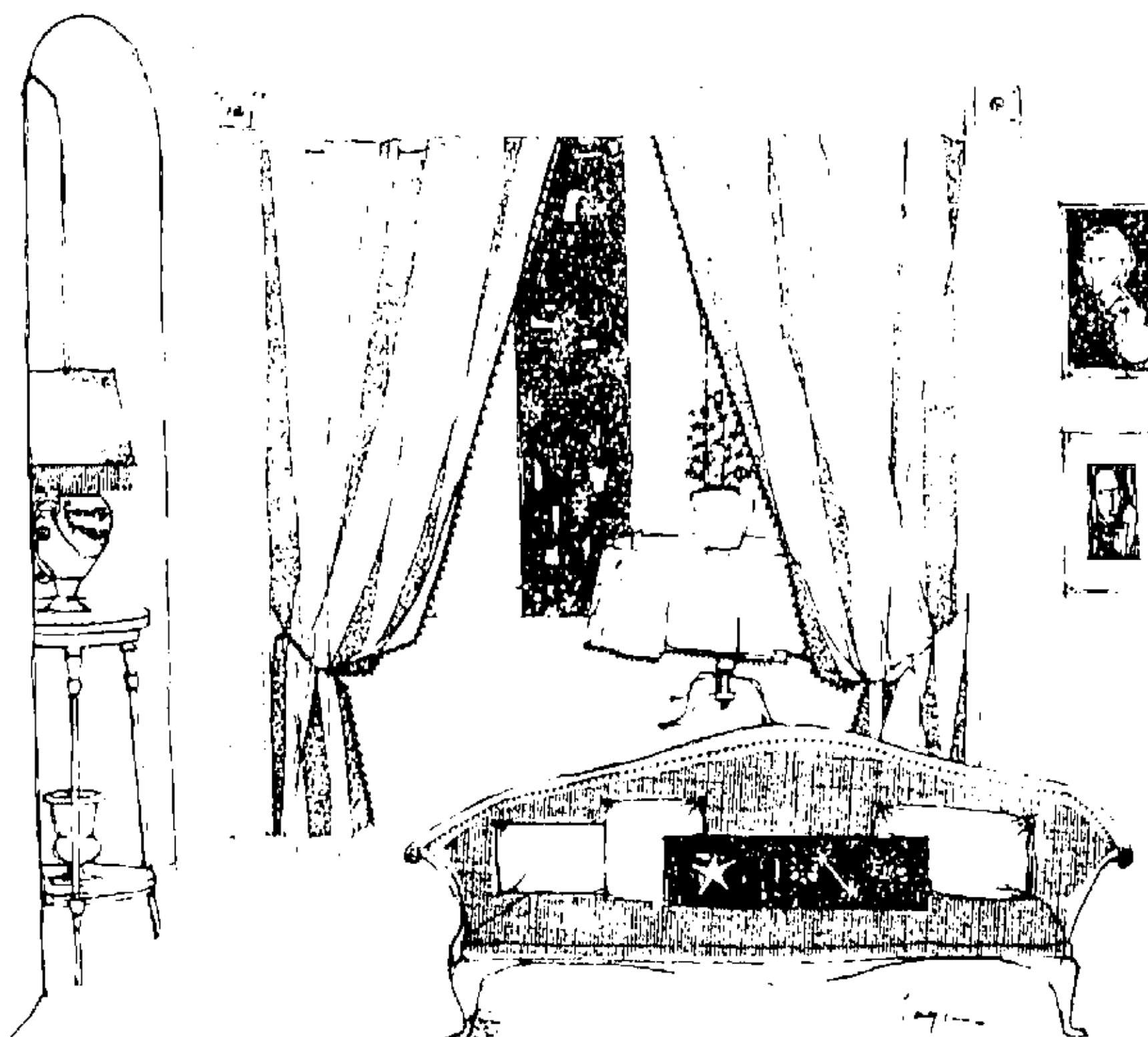


FREDERICK ASHTON stubbed out his cigarette, disconsolately smoothed his rather lengthy crew cut, and said, "I'm always melancholy when I'm not working." He lit another cigarette and unsmoothed his crew cut. He wasn't working at the time.

Mr. Ashton is chief choreographer and associate director of the Royal Ballet. At the age of 21, having discovered that an early intuition of him being another Nijinsky had been "somewhat optimistic," he decided to turn his talents to choreography.

Since then his superb and spirited interpretations have delighted the world over.

FREDERICK ASHTON: "I have no time for fashion and so-called good and bad taste."



THE LIVING-ROOM in white and dusky green.

## LADY LUCK

### YOUR CHINA MAIL HOROSCOPE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): The advice given to you is to be patient. You will find that the things you are looking for will come to you in time. Do not be discouraged.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20): You are a very sensitive person. You should be careful of the people you are around. Do not let them take advantage of you.

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19): You are a very energetic person. You should be careful of the people you are around. Do not let them take advantage of you.

**Taurus** (April 20 to May 20): You are a very patient person. You should be careful of the people you are around. Do not let them take advantage of you.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20): You are a very intelligent person. You should be careful of the people you are around. Do not let them take advantage of you.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22): You are a very sensitive person. You should be careful of the people you are around. Do not let them take advantage of you.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22): You are a very energetic person. You should be careful of the people you are around. Do not let them take advantage of you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): You are a very intelligent person. You should be careful of the people you are around. Do not let them take advantage of you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): You are a very sensitive person. You should be careful of the people you are around. Do not let them take advantage of you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): You are a very energetic person. You should be careful of the people you are around. Do not let them take advantage of you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): You are a very intelligent person. You should be careful of the people you are around. Do not let them take advantage of you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): You are a very sensitive person. You should be careful of the people you are around. Do not let them take advantage of you.

**YOUR LUCKY COLOUR:** It is a combination of red, yellow, and black. It ought to bring you luck.

## In the house of a clutterer

THINGS TEND TO COLLECT HERE

### TYCOON TALK

HAVING built his house, Mr. Ashton would not let it be cluttered. He said, "I would build a superb modern house of beautiful wood and stone like some of the excellent houses I have seen in America, some not all. They grow through the living room and indoor pools are well. He raised his eyebrows in time to say, though he had witnessed the clumsy parade of things."

"Some people collect stamps or old shoes. I don't deliberately collect anything, but things do tend to collect here."

"I prowled round antique shops and buy things that catch my eye, but I don't really mind, I care to notice things very quickly."

The thing that presumably no longer penetrates Mr. Ashton's awareness is a collection of pill boxes, ranging from the positively minuscule to the hyper-chondriacal size. One of them, the largest of course, originally belonged to Farouk, for his indignation pills no



Barbara Anne Taylor

gold and certain colours such as that disgusting shiny pink, he said, looking as though he was picking up grubs with pincers.

### RED CARPET

WE went to look at the dining room. "There's really nothing there," said Mr. Ashton, leading the way down the red-carpeted spiral staircase and opening the door to a room that proved that "nothing" is fairly relative. For there was a multifarious collection of curios, including Victorian pottery, Venetian glass, Russian candlesticks and a rocking chair for after dinner mooning.

"They are just things," he said, nonchalantly. "It is all quite valueless, except perhaps that," he added, pointing to a white marble bust of Mme du Barry, who gazed back at him with a very cool look clearly indicating that in her time she had been considered quite expensive.

I left Mr. Ashton sitting in the midst of the things he doesn't notice and thinking about Persephone. "My head is full of it," he said distractedly.

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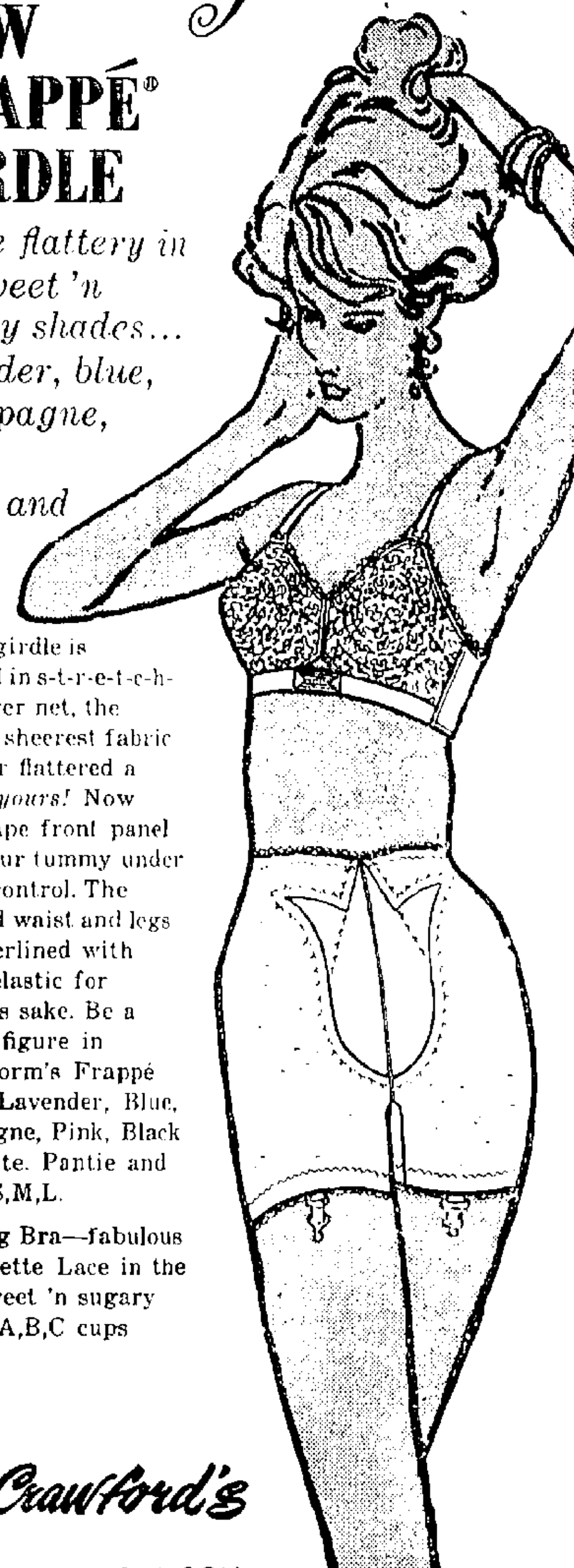
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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### An Amazing Change

—Merlin Turns Kitten Into Enormous Lion—

By MAX TRELL

IT was about eleven o'clock, on a moonlit night, when Knarf and Hand, the Shadow Children with the Turned-Around Names, suddenly heard the roaring. It came from the Playroom across the hall.

"It's a Lion," said Knarf. But Hand said, "couldn't be a Lion because how could a Lion get into the Playroom?"

There was another loud roar. Knarf was sure that even if it was a Lion, and Hand was even more doubtful that a Lion could get into the house.

Knarf and Hand went to the Playroom to investigate. "There," said Knarf, "you see. It is a Lion!"

Hand could hardly believe her eyes.

### Magnificent magician

Sitting in the middle of the room was the most enormous Lion that Hand had ever seen. Standing well back against the wall were Mr. Punch and his wife, Judy, Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, Mary-Jane, the Rag Doll, General Tin, the Tin Soldier, Hawatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian, and Miss China Doll.

There was one more person in the room. He was Mr. Merlin, the Marvellous and Magnificent Magician. He stood right next to the enormous Lion.

When the Lion saw Knarf and Hand, he let out another

roaring, it's because you are all so tiny."

"Make it larger," Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, said.

Mr. Merlin snapped his fingers and mumbled some magic words. Instantly everyone in the room was enormous.

### Other changes

Knarf and Hand became as big as regular Children. Mary-Jane, the Rag Doll, became a large china doll. Miss China Doll became a beautiful young lady.

Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, became a huge fat Bear. Hawatha became a tall Indian with feathers in his hair. General Tin became a handsome soldier.

As for the Lion, he went back to being what he had always been: a small, gentle, purring kitten who wouldn't harm anyone.

Changed kitten

Then Knarf and Hand saw what had happened. Mr. Merlin had changed the kitten into a lion. He had made the kitten enormous.

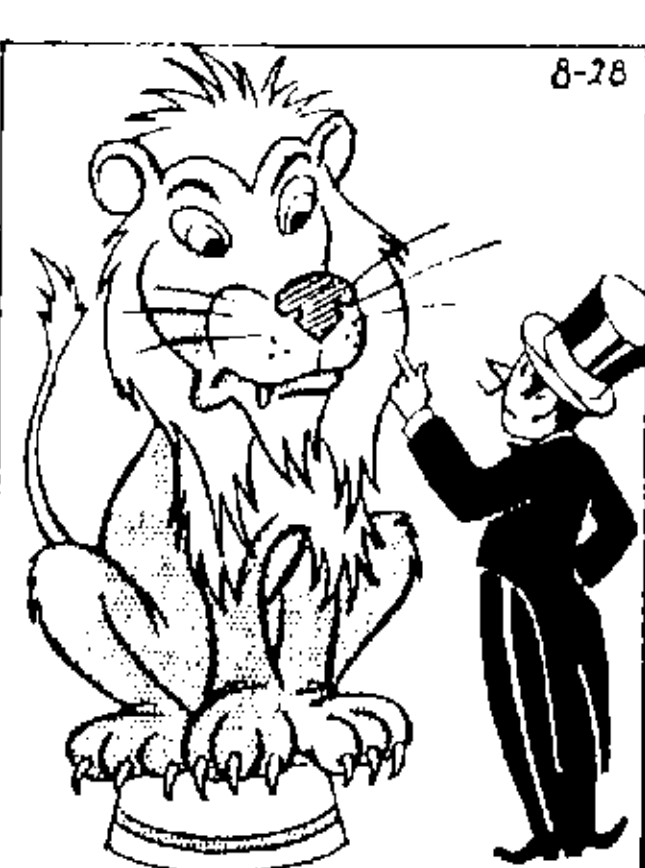
"He wouldn't hurt any of us bigger than a mouse," Mr. Merlin explained to Knarf and Hand.

As if to prove that Mr. Merlin was wrong, the Lion, who was once a kitten, or the Kitten, who had now become a lion, let out another roar and sprang up in the air as it leaped its tail. And Knarf and Hand and everyone else in the room, except Mr. Merlin, ran behind the bookcase and hid there.

"Behave yourself!" Mr. Merlin said to the Kitten sharply, "for I will give you your saucer of milk."

The Kitten went back meekly to her place in the middle of the room again.

"Come out," said Mr. Merlin to the others. "You see," he said, when everyone had come out, "it isn't that the Kitten



Mr. Merlin stood right next to an enormous Lion.

thing bigger than a mouse, perhaps not even a mouse.

"You're a marvellous Magician," Hand said to Mr. Merlin, "but I wish you wouldn't change Kitten into Lions, Puppies into Wolves, and Canaries into Eagles. It mixes things all up!"

## JACOBY on BRIDGE

WHEN you hold little or nothing in the major suits you should be careful about your fourth hand openings. East has a 14 point hand—12 in high cards, plus 2 for the doubletons. And as such is a proper opening bid in any system except common sense.

Common sense should tell him that there is little chance that his side can make game and that it is likely that his opponents can get together in a major suit and outbid him if he opens.

In this case East decided to open and you can see what happened to him. South overcalled. He did not have an opening bid, but he had a good overall. West jumped to three diamonds. He held a singleton

NORTH 20		WEST		EAST	
♠ A Q 8 5		♠ 4		♠ 9 2	
♥ K J 10 8		♥ 7 5 4 2		♥ Q 3	
♦ 9 2		♦ K J 10 8		♦ A Q 8 5 4	
♣ 9 4		♣ A Q 10		♣ K 8 6	
SOUTH (D)		No one vulnerable		South West North East	
♠ K J 10 7 6 3		♠ Pass	♠ Pass	♠ 1 ♦	♦ 4 ♦
♥ A 6		♥ 3 ♦	♥ 3 ♦	♥ 3 ♦	♦ 4 ♦
♦ 3		♦ 4 ♦	♦ 4 ♦	♦ 4 ♦	♦ 4 ♦
♣ 7 5 3 2		♣ Pass	♣ Pass	♣ Pass	♣ Pass
Opening lead—♦ J					

### CARD SENSE

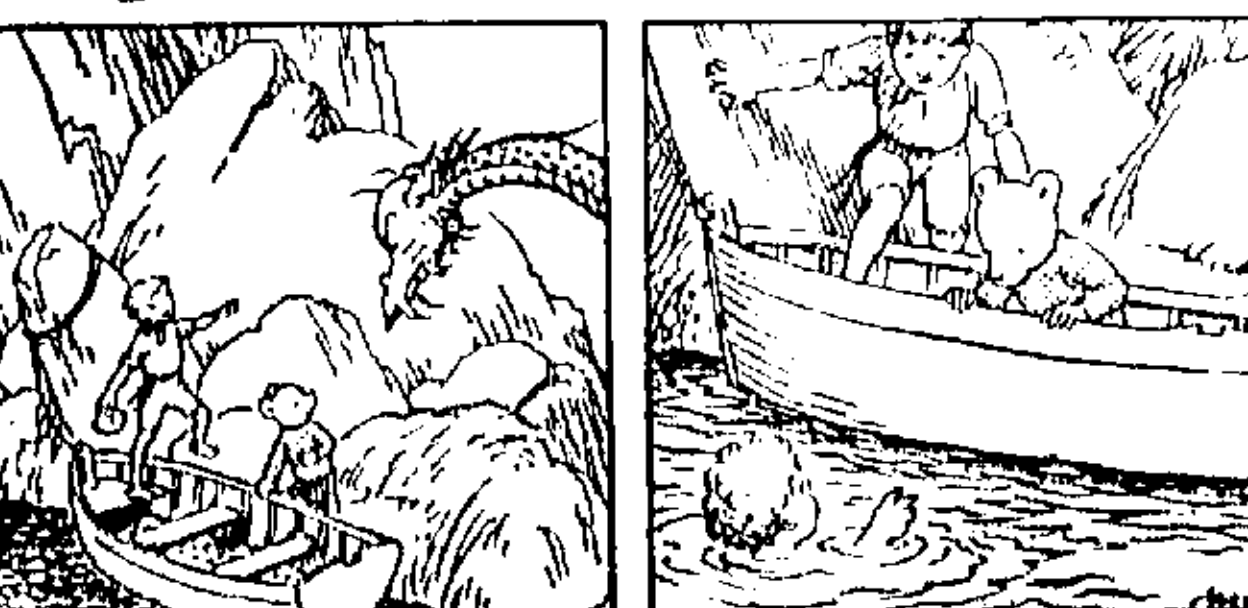
Q—The bidding has been: North East South West 2 ♦ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♦ Pass ?

You, South, hold: ♠ K Q 10 8 7 ♥ 2 ♦ K 5 4 ♣ A 6 3 2

What do you do? A—Did four diamonds. Your partner probably has a two suiter and you have good diamond support.

TODAY'S QUESTION You do bid four diamonds and your partner rebids to four hearts. What do you do now? Answer Tomorrow

### Rupert and the Popweed—36



Rupert quickly tells the Sea-serpent how Jonathan was captured by the pirates. "Look, here's his boat. They took that too. If we both get into it will you pull us away from the island and away from these awful men?" The great creature peered

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## UNOFFICIAL TEST

# INDIA







## STRANDED CITY BUS MYSTERY: POLICE EXPLAIN

The Police today cleared up the mystery of the bus found wedged across the intersection of D'Aguilar-street and Wellington-street in the Central District last night.

At 6.45 pm yesterday the bus, a small van, was found wedged across the intersection of D'Aguilar-street and Wellington-street in the Central District last night.

### Couldn't make it

The police, continuing to work on the bus, found it was impossible to remove the vehicle from the intersection.

Trying to negotiate the corner into Wellington-street, he found that the bus was wedged across the intersection of D'Aguilar-street and Wellington-street.

A uniformed police constable, who was on duty at the time, came to help disengage the bus from the intersection.

Eventually the bus was moved from the intersection of D'Aguilar-street and Wellington-street.

## EARL OF SELKIRK LEAVES

### Swiss envoy

Mr. Rene Naville, the Swiss Ambassador to Peking, arrived in the Colony last night on route back to his post after four months home leave.

The Earl of Selkirk, United Kingdom Commissioner General for Southeast Asia, and Countess Selkirk, sailed in HMS Alert, flagship of the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, for Singapore this morning after a four-day visit here.

Admiral Sir David Luce, the Commander-in-Chief, and Lady Luce, also left in the warship.

## Violent chopper attack described in court

A 35-year-old earth coolie was charged in the Criminal Sessions this morning with murdering a man by attacking him 11 times with a chopper in a "violent quarrel."

The accused, Mr. Kap-to, of an unnumbered street, pleaded not guilty. Mr. P. F. X. Leonard, Crown Counsel prosecuting, told a jury of two men and five women that on the evening of September 13, the accused and the deceased, Lau Sui-lan, went to a stall in Tin Chau-street for refreshment.

A quarrel developed and one of them was heard to say to the other, "You have ruined my business."

A fight followed and Lau picked up a wooden stool while the accused snatched a chopper from the stall. Mr. Leonard said, "Lau was seen to strike the accused on the right shoulder, and the accused charged. Lau, chopping him many times, even after he had fallen to the ground. Crown Counsel said:

Medical evidence would show that there were at least 14 chop wounds on Lau.

## PICTORIAL PARADE



Prof. F. E. Stock receiving the insignia of the OBE from Sir Robert Black last Thursday. Prof. Stock was supported by Dr L. T. Ride and Dr D. J. M. Mackenzie. Standing at the left of the picture is Capt. D. Morrison, ADC to the Governor.



Part of the distinguished gathering of guests who watched Sir Robert Black bestowing insignia to 18 Hongkong residents and members of the Services. The ceremony took place in the ballroom at Government House on December 7.

From the Files

# 25 years AGO

December 1936

**SPORTING** event unique in the Colony took place yesterday in the form of a mountain-climbing marathon, which entailed the conquering, en masse, of Taimoshan, 3,124 feet above sea level.

All but three of the 103 Chinese in all walks of life who entered the race reached the flag, planted on the summit. A 20-year-old factory hand, Lai Siu-lun, was the first to reach the flag, completing the ascent in 49.25 minutes. Two ladies were among the climbers.

Before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a woman residing at Hotel Cecil was fined \$1 for allowing her dog to wander about Connaught-road Central without a muzzle. The dog was in the street with a lead attached to it. Defendant stated that she was with the dog but had let it go for a few minutes.

50 YEARS AGO

Extracts from SCM Post 25 years ago column:

**T**HERE was considerable excitement in the Colony yesterday when it became known that Dr Sun Yat-sen, that mythical personage who has been the soul and spirit of the reform movement in China for the past twenty years, had arrived. Dr Sun was accompanied by General Homer Lea and Mrs. Lea and travelled on board the s.s. Devanha.

"The arrival of a Chinese cruiser the previous night from Canton with the Governor-General of Kwangtung and a large body of officials set at rest all doubt as to the arrival of the man who is destined to take up the reins of Government in the new Chinese Republic."

"Newspaper men were early astir, but were disappointed, as Dr Sun, very shortly after arrival, went on board the Chinese cruiser and remained there throughout the day in consultation with the officials from Canton. It was obvious the Doctor had no desire to be interviewed, and there is nothing surprising in this in view of the fact that while he has been at sea rapid changes have come over the situation."



Crowds looking in at the Radio Hongkong studio at the Exhibition of Hongkong Products, which has been temporarily closed because of damage by a fire.

## Allegedly snatched prostitute's handbag

Two sailors from HMS Lincoln, which visited Hongkong recently, appeared before Mr. A. J. Sangreth at Causeway Bay Court this morning charged with snatching a prostitute's handbag with \$59 inside.

The two, Eric F. Baines, 19, and Peter Greatrix, 18, pleaded not guilty.

Lai Pui-hung, described as prostitute, testified that at 2.15 am on October 31, the two came to her hut on the roof-top of 54, Hennessy-road, Wanchai, and requested "entertainment."

After paying \$7 each, Baines suddenly snatched her handbag. Baines handed the money to an American sailor. The American and Baines then ran down stairs while Greatrix stood inside the entrance of the staircase.

Lai said she ran after Baines, but was intercepted by Greatrix inside the entrance. She then shouted for the police.

She managed to get past Greatrix and into the street where she blew a whistle. The police arrived and arrested the defendants, Lai said.

Hearing is continuing.

## Tass reports break with Albania

Moscow, Dec. 11. The Soviet Union has severed diplomatic relations with Albania, the official news agency, Tass, said today.

The Tass announcement was the first official word on the break to come from the Soviet Government. Albania disclosed it yesterday and its officials here went ahead with arrangements to return home.

But until the Tass dispatch appeared, the Kremlin had said nothing.

Tass said the government had ordered the recall of Soviet Ambassador Mr. Josif Shikin, his staff and Soviet trade representatives back from Albania.

The Kremlin also has ordered the Albanian Ambassador, his staff and Albanian trade representatives to leave the Soviet Union, Tass said.—UPI.



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